



Washoe County

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Grants and Finance Committee

Minutes

November 16, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

Regional Emergency Operations Center

5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** (Non-action item)

Chair Brian Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m. A quorum was established:

PRESENT: Becky Josten – SPD; **Noah Boyer** – WCSO; **Andy Ancho** – RFD; **Tracy Moore** – RTAA; **Nick Klaich** – SFD; **Ryan Rizzuto** - TMFPD; **Kelly Echeverria** – WCEM; **Andrea Esp** – WCHD; **Zebulon Nomura** – TMFPD; **Aaron Reyes** – TMWA; and **Brian Taylor** – REMSA;

ABSENT: **Elizabeth Kunz** – RPD; **Roy Anderson** – WCSO; **Kevin Jakubos** – SFD; **Jon McNamara** – RFD; **Shyanne Schull** – WCRAS; **Jim Nelligan** – NLTFPD; and **Ian Dasmann** – TMWA;

Also present: Wade Carner - Legal; and Francisco Ceballos - Secretary/Treasurer.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Brian Taylor explained that public comment can be called in using the TEAMS number, 775-325-0620. The phone conference ID is 692 947 833#.

There was no public comment.

3. **APPROVAL OF May 18, 2023, GRANTS & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) – Brian Taylor, Chair

It was moved by Nick Klaich, seconded by Ryan Rizutto to approve the minutes as written.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) – Presentation and approval of the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness FY 24 (HMEP) TRIAD: Sparks FD – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary\Treasurer

Francisco Ceballos explained that there was an application for the HMEP grant from TRIAD. He said that since Nick Klaich is present, he will let him present on it.

Nick Klaich explained that in September of this year, he attended a conference where he went to a gasoline safety for tankers program which highlighted the critical timeline in the case of an accident. He said he wants to bring this training back to the area.

He added that there is a pipeline in our area that runs to the Bay Area. We are a distribution hub for Northern Nevada, parts of Utah etc. There are these types of tankers on our roads frequently.

The course program is called Pipeline HAZMAT Safety Awareness Association that can bring this course to your area through a grant program.

He spoke with regional partners to determine how many days would be needed to train all of the fire first-responders in the area and determined that nine days would be needed. The program offered four days, but the remaining days need funding.

The grant application is requesting \$8,990 dollars to cover five days of training for first-responders.

Brian Taylor added that he appreciates him seeking out these opportunities for the region.

Ryan Rizutto said he has attended a few of these trainings in the past and agrees that it is a great training to bring to the region. He added that getting five days of training for under \$9,000 is very affordable. He said it would be money well spent.

Brian Taylor asked if extra spaces in the training could be pushed to local tribes. Nick Klaich explained that there should be room for anyone in the region that this applies to.

It was moved by Tracy Moore, seconded by Andrea Esp to approve TRIAD's HMEP grant application as presented.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF CURRENT LEPC GRANTS AND FINANCES – Status of active grants – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary\Treasurer

Franisco Ceballos started with the FY 24 OPTe Grant. There is a remaining balance of \$31,677.44. For operations, there is \$1,644.44 remaining. Reno Fire has ordered Harris XL-200P Radios and are waiting for invoices so we can start processing reimbursement from the state. The drone for Washoe County Community Services Department will likely be purchased in 2024. Research still needs to be done before that purchase is made.

FY 24 UWS has \$38,000 remaining. The Colt LA M4A3 Rifles for Sparks PD were approved by council and they are ready to make the purchase. TMFPD have ordered the Ballistic Plates and are still researching for the purchase of the Ballistic Plate Carriers.

For HSGP Grants, FY 21 COOP has been expended and FY 21 PA used a change request and has been expended as well. FY 22 COOP has a balance of \$4,316.85 remaining. FY 22 Animal Trailers has been fully expended.

Brian Taylor asked if the \$4,000 in FY 22 COOP is spoken for.

Francisco explained that it will be used by Jessica for travel.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS. No discussion among Committee members will take place on this item.

Brian Taylor explained that as this group moves forward into the next year, he encourages everyone in the committee to look into the grant funds available and how they could be applied to help the region. Funds in the past have occasionally gone unused and he encouraged proactive action for the use of those grant funds.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT –

There was no public comment.

8. Andy Ancho adjourned meeting at 11:16am.